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For: METHODS FOR ENABLING ) Confirmation No.: 5441  
EVALUATION OF TYPOLOGICAL )  
CHARACTERISTICS OF )  
EXTERNAL BODY PORTION, )  
AND RELATED DEVICES )

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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

The following statements are provided regarding the non-English language documents:

1. **JP H07-289524** - An English language translation of this document is submitted herewith.

2. **JP 3-118036** - An English language translation of this document is submitted herewith.

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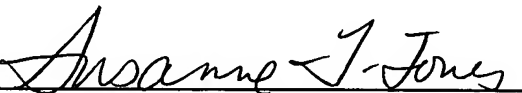
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